

FIGHTING IN CAPE COLONY.

INDISCREET ENGAGEMENTS WITH
BOERS AND GATERS' FORCES.

Reinforcements Sent to French for His Operations Against Stormberg—Critics Predict Heavy Losses for Buller if He Makes an Attempt to Cross the Tugela.

Special Cable Telegrams to The Sun.
LONDON, Jan. 5.—Events in South Africa do not appear to have advanced. Gen. Buller and his army are still in the same position. The Boers are yet strong and the fighting promises to last for some time. The Boers are yet strong and the fighting promises to last for some time. The Boers are yet strong and the fighting promises to last for some time.

A despatch from Stormberg, Cape Colony dated Jan. 3, says: "The Boers occupied Stormberg and Cyphar to-day, but abandoned the latter place on the approach of Gen. Buller's troops."

A despatch from Cape Town to-day says: "The Magistrate at Mafeking officially reports that yesterday morning there was heavy fighting at the camp of the Cape mounted police, commanded by Capt. Nuyten. The Boers surrounded the camp and there was a heavy artillery fight. The fighting continued all day. Eventually the enemy was repulsed. There were no casualties among the police."

The critics in summing up the probabilities of Gen. Buller making another attack, estimate his force at nearly 30,000 men, with 65 guns, including 12 howitzers, against Gen. Buller's 10,000 men, and 40 guns, but the latter's position and mobility will, at least, counterbalance the numerical superiority of the British. The critics of the Morning Post labor daily to prepare the public for heavy losses. He says today: "Gen. Buller sets out his object will be to win a battle. His aim is to inflict the greatest possible loss on the enemy, and if he can, to crush or cripple the Boer army. It will be necessary for that purpose that he does not spare his own force."

Gen. Methuen continues inactive except for constant reconnaissance. These are reported to have established the fact that the Boer positions extend virtually from Koolesburg to—about a distance of forty or fifty miles. Gen. Walker reports that his mounted infantry have reconnoitered to Prieska and exchanged shots with a rebel force on the north bank of the Orange River. This reveals an armed rising at a point, which, like that of Douglas, has not been known before. The strength of the Dutch force is unknown. Prieska is ninety miles to the west of the Orange River station.

REINFORCEMENTS FOR FRENCH.

Sold to Have the Boers Practically Surrounded at Colobeng.

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CAPE TOWN, Jan. 4.—A despatch to the Times from Pretoria, Jan. 3, says: "The Boers on Tuesday night the British set fire to the trucks of the railway train, which had been wrecked by the British artillery when it was seen that the train, which was loaded with provisions, would otherwise fall into the hands of the Boers. The Boers were seen to be working about the wrecked train, and the British were unable to prevent them from doing so."

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A BRITISH "IMPERIAL PARTY."

Formed as a Protest Against the Present "Lamentable Weakness of the Army."

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LONDON, Jan. 4.—At a small meeting presided over by the Hon. Thomas Sandys, M. P., yesterday a committee was appointed for the purpose of organizing "an Imperial party" whose object will be the establishment of the power of the British Empire, which is now regarded as being in a state of decay. The party is composed of the long list of the people who trust certain political leaders and are now realizing with bitterness and humiliation the lamentable weakness of the army.

The meeting resolved to support the Government in prosecuting the war with the full resources of the Empire, and to resist any inquiry as to the reasons for the present unsatisfactory condition of national defense.

The enthusiastic scenes of a few days ago were repeated to-day during the enrollment of 100 City of London Volunteers at the Guild Hall. The surrounding streets were crowded, and the volunteers were marched to the hall. The Queen sent a message in which she expressed her appreciation of the patriotism of these men.

The hospital ship Maine has arrived at Las Palmas, Canary Islands, on her way to South Africa. All on board are well.

With Walter Allen, contributed £5,000 to the fund to equip the London volunteers, who are going to South Africa. The total subscriptions reached £250,000 in a few days.

SPOILS PROMISED TO THE BOERS.

Board of £300,000,000 Worth of Diamonds Said to Be in Kimberley.

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PARIS, Jan. 4.—The rumor is spreading here that the Boers have discovered a vast store of diamonds worth £300,000,000 in the interior of the country at Kimberley before the war. This was done for the purpose of keeping up the price of diamonds. The story goes on that the Boers have promised to divide a portion of these spoils among the troops who Kimberley has been the scene of the most desperate fighting. The Boers have promised to divide a portion of these spoils among the troops who Kimberley has been the scene of the most desperate fighting.

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WANT MCKINLEY TO INTERVENE.

Mass Meeting in Brussels Prepares an Address to Him.

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BRUSSELS, Jan. 4.—A large attended meeting was held here to-day for the purpose of organizing a national address to President McKinley praying for his intervention in South Africa. Senator Lejeune presided. Following is the text of the address:

"Deeply moved by the terrible and sanguinary conflict in which two civilized nations are engaged in South Africa, the undersigned make an urgent appeal in favor of that mediation that you alone are in a position to offer. We implore you to fulfill this sacred duty toward the fraternity of mankind."

The address will be circulated in the chief towns for signatures.

NO INTERVENTION IN SOUTH AFRICA.

This Government Will Not Interfere Unless Requested by Both Belligerents.

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—The State Department has today received a request from the United States Government to use its good offices to bring about an ending of the South African war. A great many suggestions of that character have come from unofficial sources, such as Holland societies and the Clan-na-Gael, but the State Department has declined to do so. The Government intends to adhere to its attitude of non-interference and will not consider any request for the tender of its mediation unless the request is made by both belligerents.

BRITISH RETIRE FROM DOUGLAS.

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NO PROTEST AGAINST LYDDITE.

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PRETORIA, Jan. 3.—According to the latest official despatches from the Boer headquarters at Ladysmith, the British naval guns at Chieveley maintain a long range fire night and day. The Boers are reported to have no objection to the use of Lyddite. The Boers are reported to have no objection to the use of Lyddite.

PARTY ESCAPES FROM LADYSMITH.

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PRETORIA, Jan. 1 (Delayed in Transmission).—During a heavy storm four nights ago six horsemen escaped from Ladysmith. The Boers reported that Cecil Rhodes's brother got through their lines. The Boers reported that Cecil Rhodes's brother got through their lines.

ZULUS TO BE ARMED.

Must Not Fight, However, Unless the Boers Attack Them.

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LONDON, Jan. 4.—A despatch to the Central News from Durban says that the Government of Natal, in response to repeated petitions made by the Zulus for permission to fight against the Boers, has given its consent to the arming of part of the Zulus. They are, however, only to be used in the event of being attacked by the Boers.

NAPOLEON HOUSE FOR KRUGER.

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GENERAL STRIKE IN PATERSON.

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PATERSON, N. J., Jan. 4.—The Machinists' Union of this city this afternoon declared a general strike, and all of the journeyman machinists in the principal shops left work. The locomotive works have not yet been affected, but as most of their men are affiliated with the union, they are expected to quit to-morrow. It is probable that the iron, steel, brass and machinery building businesses of the city will be paralyzed.

GERMAN PUBLIC IS ANGRY.

OUTCRY AGAINST THE SEIZURE OF SHIPS BY THE BRITISH.

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BERLIN, Jan. 4.—The report of the practical seizure of the German mail steamer General by the British at Aden, which searched her cargo for contraband of war, has produced an explosion of popular anger of an intensity that it would be difficult to exaggerate. The excitement caused by the seizure of the General is quite eclipsed by the present state of feeling.

MISS ROCH AGAIN IN A TRANCE.

Her Previous One Continued For Thirty-eight Days.

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MONTREAL, Quebec, Jan. 4.—The Montreal doctors are greatly puzzled over the case of Miss Eva Roch, a French-Canadian girl who has been in a trance since Christmas eve. All attempts to arouse her have failed. In the last year Miss Roch had a trance which lasted for thirty-eight days. She was finally aroused by the application of heated alcohol.

MISSISSIPPI SENATOR NAMED.

W. V. Sullivan Nominated for the Short Term Ending March 4, 1901.

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JACKSON, Miss., Jan. 4.—The joint caucus of the two houses to-night nominated the Hon. W. V. Sullivan for Senator for the short term ending March 4, 1901, he receiving 88 votes to 72 for ex-Gov. Lowry. Senator Sullivan was introduced amid great applause and warmly thanked for the honor. He professed to represent the new and progressive South. He would build the Nicaragua Canal and build up new positions, and put bread in the mouths and clothes on the backs of the children of the South. Gov. Lowry also responded to call.

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His Theories of Controlling Sex Not Approved by Vienna University.

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VIENNA, Jan. 4.—Dr. Schenck, whose sex theories elicited the censure of the Council of Professors of the University, has been removed from his position as professor of the chair and the management of the Eubryological Institute, over which he presided for twenty